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**Mission**

*To prepare students for a  
lifetime of learning and  
responsible citizenship*

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Students in grades 5 through 9 will participate in Family Life classes. This is in compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-1301-1307 that mandates that our school system implement a program of Family Life instruction for students. We have endeavored to make this an age-appropriate instructional program following Tennessee's standards. Family Life classes are taught by the Maryville City School System's instructor, Mrs. Shanna Lingerfelt. All students will participate in these classes unless a parent/guardian **requests in writing** to exempt his or her son/daughter. The form below may be used to express your desire to exempt your student or to allow them to participate. You may also reply to this email with your decision.

Students may be exempted from the Family Life unit according to T.C.A. 49-6-1305: "A parent or guardian who wishes to excuse a student from any portion of family life shall submit a request, in writing, to the student's instructor, school counselor, or principal. A parent or guardian who wishes to excuse a student from all portions of family life shall submit a request in writing to the student's principal. A student who is excused from any or all portions of family life shall not be penalized for grading purposes if the student satisfactorily performs alternative health lessons."

The Family Life curriculum and materials are available for parents/guardians to review at Central Office (715 Lamar St.) from Thursday, August 15th from 3:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment. A list of Family Life topics by grade can be found on our district website at [www.maryville-schools.org](http://www.maryville-schools.org). After reviewing the Family Life curriculum and materials, please notify your student's science teacher by August 19, 2024 if you choose to exempt your student. You may also email Mrs. Lingerfelt with your exemption decision by August 19, 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Lingerfelt at [shanna.lingerfelt@maryville-schools.org](mailto:shanna.lingerfelt@maryville-schools.org).

Shanna Lingerfelt  
Family Life Instructor  
Maryville City Schools

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**FAMILY LIFE INSTRUCTION at Coulter Grove Intermediate**

**My child MAY NOT participate** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_